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Exchange Carillon bells for wedding chimes . . . a chapel for a church. The result . . . a charming June wedding among "halls of ivy."

Marry In a College Chapel

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TIME, MONEY and distance between families are three problems familiar to many college students planning a wedding. The tiny chapel tucked away in Memorial Union solved these problems for Mavis Blake of Gregory, South Dakota, and Richard Bowen of Bettendorf, Iowa.

Besides being just the right size for the small family wedding (the chapel seats 42), the couple felt it was a memorable way to climax their college meeting and courtship.

The little chapel located on the ground floor of the Union has served as a wedding place for 25 couples since 1954. With traditional wooden pews and a stylized stained glass window, the room achieves its beauty through simplicity. A large wooden cross standing behind the altar and a small electric organ add rich dignity to the chapel.

DECORATIONS

"Floral decorations for the room were easily planned," said Mavis, "since the stained glass window reflecting the morning sun rays lent simplicity and self-decoration to the small space." To keep this feeling, the couple added only two candelabra decorated with small white flowers on either side of the cross. Privacy for the wedding party was created by the side entrance located on the east side of the Union. The browsing library was "converted" into a room for Dick and the rest of the groom's party to meet in before the wedding, while the small dressing room situated in the organ room of the chapel provided the bride and her attendant with a place for "last minute touches."

Acting as "bridal consultants" in planning the couple's wedding were Mrs. Margaret Lange, social

secretary of the Union and Miss Mable Anderson, food service director. Through Union facilities everything from food to glasses is provided for wedding receptions. Rooms may be reserved or, if as in the wedding plans of the Bowens the reception is to be at home, complete rental service is provided the couple by the Union. The reception cost Mavis and Dick only \$12. There is no charge for use of the chapel for wedding ceremonies.

MEMORIES

In recalling their wedding day, the Bowens, who now live in Pammel Court, agreed, "We couldn't have chosen a more perfect chapel than the one in the Memorial Union, for the interior is so beautiful and the memories attached to it in connection with the school and our romance are so great."

